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Before Caucus

LOCATION/ENDROIT: Outside Room 225-A, West Block OTTAWA, ON

PRINCIPAL(S)/PRINCIPAUX: Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety

SUBJECT/SUJET: Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety speaks to the media before the Liberal National Caucus Meeting.

Question: Hi, Minister.

Hon. Marco Mendicino: (inaudible). Good morning.

Question: Any comment on the ongoing convey protests?

Hon. Marco Mendicino: (inaudible)

Question: Okay.

Hon. Marco Mendicino: Yeah, look. I mean, I'll — I'll say very quickly — because I'm — I'm heading into caucus that I think that the point has been made and that — that, you know, there's been a lot of interruption here for — for local residents, and I think we need to understand and appreciate that people want to get back to their daily lives, get to work, get kids to school, be able to go and shop, etc. You know, at the same time, I know that Ottawa Police is working very closely with federal partners. There's good lines of communication there. But — but certainly — and where appropriate, law enforcement action has been taken. I'm aware of the fact that I think that two charges have been laid and that there are ongoing investigations. Those are all being carried out independently of the elected government. But there's been a point made, and certainly, we hope that we'll be able to carry on. Thanks very much.